

House Resolution 140

By: Representatives Collins of the 27th, Rogers of the 26th, Mills of the 25th, and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the birthday and honoring the professional achievements of Tommy Aaron on
2 his 70th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Tommy Aaron is a Gainesville native who credits his late father, Charlie Aaron,
4 for providing him opportunities to excel as an amateur and professional golfer; and

5 WHEREAS, Tommy Aaron won the Georgia high school golf competition in 1955 as well
6 as his first of three Georgia Open Amateur tournaments; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron earned a scholarship to the University of Florida where his team won
8 the Southeastern Conference trophies in 1957 and 1958; and

9 WHEREAS, he was runner-up in the United States Amateur tournament in 1958 and began
10 his distinguished professional career in 1961, going on to win the Canadian Open in 1969,
11 play on the prestigious Walker Cup and Ryder Cup teams, and win the Atlanta Classic in
12 1970; and

13 WHEREAS, Tommy Aaron won the 1973 Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf
14 Course and is a long-time member of the Professional Golf Association; and

15 WHEREAS, he established a scholarship foundation based on the applicant's integrity, social
16 and communication skills, interest in golf, and scholastic work, paralleling the essential
17 elements of a successful golf enthusiast; and

18 WHEREAS, February 22 marks the 70th birthday of this esteemed citizen, outstanding
19 golfer, husband, father, and grandfather who appreciates the humble origins of his golfing
20 life instilled by his father; and it is only fitting and proper that this outstanding gentleman be
21 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body express their congratulations and best wishes to one of our state's
3 most honorable citizens, Mr. Tommy Aaron, on the happy event of his 70th birthday.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tommy Aaron.